

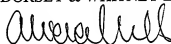
### REMARKS

Claims 9-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 9 and 10 have herewith been amended. Reconsideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of record are allowable and that the application should be passed to issue. Should the Examiner believe that the application is not in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would help further prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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